



# Digital Herald

## Internet Safety

*How to make the right choices and be safe on the internet.*

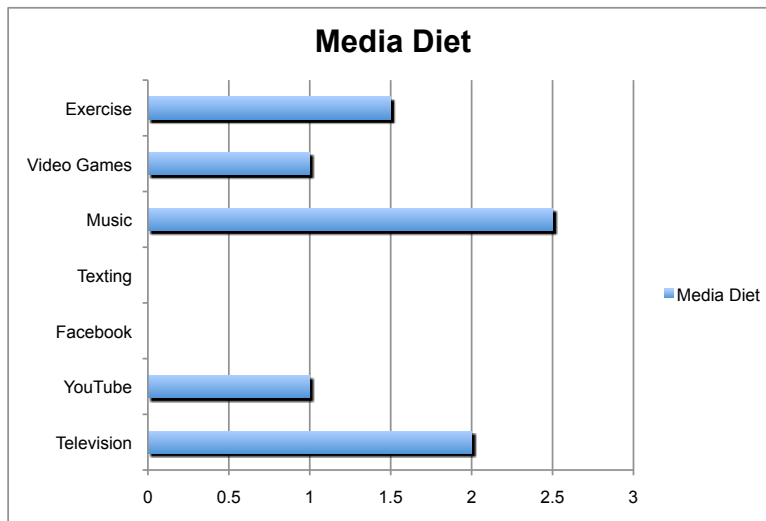
Consuming media is when you watch videos, or listen to music, or maybe read a blog. You don't really have anything to do with the things you look at and watch. You just observe them. When you produce media, you actually make things. Instead of reading a blog, or watching videos, you're the one writing and making them. Using various apps and programs on the computer, people can produce media that others will consume. When you consume media, you're not a part of it, because someone else produced it. If you produce media, then you're the one making it for other to consume.

In the video, one boy said that you have no idea if people really are who they say they are, that they could be lying. And he's right; you have no idea who's on the other side of the screen unless you've previously met them in person. Another girl said she sometimes

pretends to be a guy, and other people think she's cool, but they don't know that she's really a girl. I do that in online games sometimes because it seems like people won't mess with guys as much,

people seem to mess with girls more than they do with guys. But if I'm on a game with a bunch of other people who say they're girls, then I might say I'm a girl. I usually don't, though, because you still don't know if they are who they tell you they are.

Parents are mainly worried about the safety of their kids online. They don't want them to make friends with people online that they don't know. They also worry about their kids giving out personal information online. Some parents don't think that their kids should have cell phones, or other devices where they can talk to strangers. They think it's too much of a responsibility to put on their kids, they want to be able to know what's going on and to protect their them. They never really know if kids are following the rules that parents set for them, or if they tell them the truth about people they meet online.



## Privacy

(Teen Nick) collects personal information like name, birth date, email, country, state, zip code, and other things like that when you sign up on their site. When people use the site, they gather information about what kind of operating system you use, IP address, or UDID if you use a cell phone. This kind of makes it so that you're not completely anonymous on the site because each person is registered to his or her IP address. They use Tracking Technologies (cookies and other things) to get data about what ads you click on, and what sites you go to before and after you went to their site. This is to help customize the ads on the site to the kinds of things you like or possibly want. Third parties don't usually get information about the users unless it's for a sweepstakes, business transactions, or if something happens where law enforcement needs to be involved. If you want to change the privacy options, you have to go into the settings on your Web browser. From there you can delete current Tracking Technologies and prevent future ones. I do care what information sites collect about me. I don't like the idea of sites being able to give my information to companies without my permission. It does make a difference what kind of information they collect about me. I don't care about them knowing my email or IP address, unless there's a chance that they can give that information to Third Parties, then I would probably care. I definitely wouldn't want a site to know where I live specifically, or my parents' credit card or PIN numbers. In return for the site collecting information about me, I get to use the site for free. If Teen Nick didn't have all of the advertisements and things that it has, then people might have to pay for membership to the site. You also get to have an avatar that you can customize. I guess that getting to use the site for free is an equivalent exchange for letting them have some information about me.

*-Sydney Sterling*



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU POST ONLINE

When you post a picture online or send it someone, that person or the people on that site can do whatever they want with it. They can send it to whomever they want, and post it wherever they want. In other words, once you click send

or post, you no longer have the rights to that picture or piece of writing. If you wouldn't say what you wrote to someone in person, or show a picture to someone in person, then you definitely shouldn't give it to someone else or put it online.

